

ALL HANDS

NFCC NEWS MAGAZINE

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OUR MISSION: To build self-sufficiency and prevent homelessness and hunger in our community by providing emergency assistance and enrichment programs.



Here Come the Holidays!

North Fulton Community Charities has helped families with holiday assistance for over 30 years. Last year's annual holiday assistance program served almost 800 families and 1,500 children. The holiday assistance program includes Warm Coats, Thanksgiving Food, Sponsored Families, Santa Shop and Holiday Baskets for Seniors. These holiday programs help ease the financial stress families feel during the holidays allowing them to enjoy the spirit of the season!



How Can I Help?

- The NFCC Holiday Program would not be possible without countless volunteers, donors and partners working together!
 Visit <u>nfccholiday.org</u> to find out more.
 - Sign Up to Volunteer! All volunteers must be 13+ and anyone under 16 must volunteer with an adult.
 - Businesses and Organizations can sponsor the holiday program.
 - Sign up to hold a drive for coats, food, toys or gift cards. It could be your company, school, neighborhood or group of friends.
- Sign up to donate or deliver a basket to a senior.
- Sign up to Sponsor a Family experiencing an extreme financial hardship.
- Short on time? You can donate online to help with any of these programs at <u>nfccholiday.org</u>.



Thank you so much.

I had no idea what to expect. You are a blessing to me and my children. Now we can have a wonderful Christmas!

Santa Shop Mother

Questions about the Holiday Program? Contact Jacquie Tracy at (678) 387-4474 or via email at itracy@nfcchelp.org.







Dear Friends,

As schools slowly resume and office workers trickle back into their places of business, it is easy to forget the impact of COVID-19 on many of our North Fulton neighbors. Restaurants and retailers may be open, but are still only serving half their regular capacity, which means a reduction

in staff. Businesses in many sectors have cut budgets and deferred new projects. Many businesses closed under the pressure of the pandemic. Unemployment still remains high.

At NFCC, we are used to dealing with family emergencies of lost wages due to unemployment or a medical issue. The difference is that with COVID-19, the emergency is longer and more expensive. Individuals that lost their jobs in the spring are still struggling to find positions to support themselves. In the past, we have been able to help a family once to get through an emergency. Now we are finding we need to help the same family a few times to weather this storm.

From March 1 to September 15, we have provided \$885,306 in financial assistance to help our neighbors in need. I am incredibly thankful that we have been able to stay open to serve families during this crisis. I am grateful for the community's financial support to help serve these families. Our staff and volunteers have shown amazing commitment and dedication in continuing to support our mission and the families we serve.

Together, we can help!

Holly M. York

Executive Director

North Fulton Community Charities

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Send your Donation in the Enclosed Envelope Donate Online at NFCCHelp.org/donate

Thrift Shop Reopens

On March 13, at the recommendation of public health officials, NFCC closed the Thrift Shop, one of our largest sources of revenue. Within weeks, the entire state was under a shelter in place order, so we decided to use the time as an opportunity to make some desperately needed repairs and renovations. A leaky roof, HVAC problems and other renovations were already planned and budgeted, the timeline was just moved up. We are excited to announce that on September 8 we reopened the NFCC Thrift Shop to the public. On our first day, the line of customers waiting to get in snaked through the parking lot with many

customers waiting over an hour due to new COVID protocols that limit capacity. Thank you to everyone that has supported the Thrift Shop with your donations and purchases! We are

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currently open Monday-Saturday from 10am-3pm, but will be expanding our hours soon. Follow the NFCC Thrift Shop on social media for updates.





April 26, 2021 • Country Club of the South

Visit NFCCHelp.org/swing for More Information

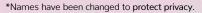




Congratulations Aileen!

Aileen and her son count themselves lucky to have immigrated to the U.S. from Venezuela before the political crisis in their home country. However, it has not always been an easy path. Working more than 40 hours a week, Aileen struggled to support herself and her young son. Determined to make a better life for her family, she signed up for the free GED classes at NFCC. After she received her GED, she continued on with education. She came back to NFCC to take the Citizenship classes and start the process of getting citizenship. The process was delayed because of COVID, but on August 27, she took her oath and became a U.S. citizen. Thanks to our dedicated volunteers who helped her become a citizen. Congratulations Aileen!

Simone* was one of many of our North Fulton neighbors that contracted COVID-19 this summer. Not just Simone, but her entire extended family all tested positive in July. Her employer, a local fast food restaurant, was supportive at first and paid for two weeks of sick time during quarantine. However, three weeks later, Simone tested positive again. This time she quarantined without pay. When she was finally cleared to go back to work, she had persistent symptoms including a cough that made her a health risk so she was laid off for 90 days. Out of money and options, she came to NFCC for help. Thanks to donations from the community, we were able to pay the rent to keep the entire family housed, with food from the pantry, until she can get back to work again. Your donations help hard-working individuals like Simone who the pandemic has hit especially hard.







The Circle of Hope is a group of monthly recurring donors that have committed to fulfilling the mission of NFCC on an ongoing basis. Their commitment to the future of NFCC makes the Circle of Hope an important part of the NFCC inner circle.

Planned monthly contributions ensure that NFCC can provide the wraparound services individuals and families need from when they enter the doors at NFCC for the first time, until they have all of the critical tools needed to become self-sufficient in our community.

A \$100 a month commitment will add up to \$1,200 over the year, which is the average amount it costs for NFCC to stabilize a family.

Can you help make a difference for one family this year?



on December 1st

Help Us Reach Our Goal of Helping 50 Families

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Come Volunteer with Us!

Calling all volunteers! If you've been thinking about becoming a NFCC volunteer, now is the time! After a long summer with no volunteers at NFCC, we are open again and looking for volunteers that are ready to join us! Safety protocols have been put into place that limit the number of people in the building to ensure social distancing in addition to mandatory masks, temperature checks and expanded cleaning procedures. Visit our website to NFCCHelp.org/volunteer and fill out an interest form to start the process.





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